

## City Fathers as Domestic Peacemakers

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the words: "Corporations Soaked While You Wait. If the Big Boss Is Busy, Apply to the Chief Boodle Clerk."

Now I'm going to hand out the Straight Goods about this business: There is not an alderman in any live American city who is Roasted by the Red-Hot Reformers as a Boodler and a Worker who don't spend a good part of his time doing the same kind of work that falls by rights to the Men of the Cloth.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF ALDERMEN WHO ARE BRANDED AS BOODLERS WHO MAKE MORE PASTORAL CALLS, BURY MORE DEAD, HEAL MORE FAMILY SORES, SHUT OUT MORE DIVORCES AND START MORE ORPHANSON THE RIGHT TRACK THAN MANY A PREACHER.

If you want to find a good understudy for a Parish Priest go to any alderman who isn't trying to be a Statesman. I'm no Shining Exception to the rule of City Fathers who come under this head; there are plenty of the Boys who can give me cards and spades on this line of work, but I can pick an example or two off my own office ticker by way of illustration of what an alderman does when he isn't posing with his hands behind him for the accommodation of newspaper artists who are drawing Boodle Cartoons.

A few months ago a little woman came to my office and said her husband had left her, and that she was hard up against it to keep herself and the baby going. I knew him. He was one of my people, and I went to see him. "Tony," I said, "it ain't right. The little woman loves you. I know she does. Then there's the baby. You're no friend of mine, Tony, if you don't go an' make it up to her on the square."

Well, he cried good and plenty, gave me his hand on his word. Now they're back in the little hole-in-the-wall on Wabash avenue, happy as a street railroad company with a hundred-year franchise. And these cases come right along.

Then I've just gone into partnership with a little lad from the street. He sells shoestrings and collar buttons to support his mother; but if he don't own a dry goods store half a block long he'll be the most disappointed youngster on earth.

And these are only samples! Every day it's patching up a family row, squaring friends or sweethearts, boosting some kid who's been pushed out on the world, or burying somebody.

AND EVERY ALDERMAN WHO DON'T BELONG TO THE MAMMA BAND OF STATESMEN AND IS ON THE LEVEL WITH HIS PEOPLE DOES THIS SORT OF THING EVERY DAY OF HIS LIFE.

*John J. Coughlin*

### BOTH DISSATISFIED.

Indulgent Lover Found [the Strain Too Much to Stand.

They were seated on the sofa—that is, he was sitting on the sofa and she, had a kneecy position on his lap. They weren't talking, for he had seemed sad during the three hours and 50 minutes they had been sitting there. A sigh, sounding as if it had been drawn out with a cork-screw and broken off with a sledge hammer, broke the awful stillness. She clasped her 16-button kid glove arms around his 15½ neck and planted a crop of kisses on his downy lips.

"Why does my darling sigh?" she asked.

"What do you say? Evangeline, haven't I always treated you as a gentleman should a lady?"

She nodded affirmatively.

"Haven't I always done my best to set the true lover?"

Nod No. 2.

"And haven't I hugged and kissed you for hours at a stretch, until my arms ached as if with ringbone and my neck was bent like an ox yoke?"

The third time she nodded.

"Well, knowing this to be the case, why do you mistreat me as you have to-night, as you did last night, and every other night for six months? Why am I thus tortured by you? Would you have me think you false?"

Once more she grasped him with a convulsive motion, and exclaimed in rolling mill tones:

"Oh, Charles Augustus Suprema Lex Este, what have I done to make you think me false? How, in the name of the Seven Wonders and the Mammoth cave, have I mistreated you, my love, my own?"

"Well, if you are not false, prove it," he said.

"Give me the test," she replied, with animation.

### BREVITIES OF FUN.

Greene—"How did he get so rich?" Browne—"He started an automobile repair establishment."—Sommerville Journal.

Biggs—"I wonder where the flies go to in the winter." Wiggs—"I give it up, but I wish they'd spend their summers there, too."—Philadelphia Press.

Celia—"I came as near marrying that man as any man I ever knew." Gladys—"Lord Heartworthy! Oh, my dear, do tell me about it. What happened?" Celia—"He never asked me."—Century Magazine.

"Wealthy, is he? Why, the last time I saw him he had trouble keeping the wolf from the door." "Well, now he has trouble keeping his poor relations from the porte cochere."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Mrs. Steigatome—"I haven't been to the theater for so long I wouldn't know how to act." Mr. Steigatome—"Just as well. You'd probably have to let the actors do it for you anyway."—Los Angeles (Cal.) Herald.

Expertness in Law.—Judge—"Have the letters been duly examined by the handwriting expert?" Prosecutor—"Yes, your honor." Judge—"Very well, let the handwriting expert now be examined by the insanity expert."—Ohio State Journal.

"It would be helpful to you," said the prison visitor, "if you could take some good motto and try to live up to it." "That's right," replied the convict. "I'd like to select, for instance: 'We are here to-day and gone to-morrow.'"—Philadelphia Press.

Family Pride.—"Quick, George!" the wife screamed; "hurry to the baby; she's trying to swallow her rattle!" "I know it," replied the husband, calmly. "I want her to get ahead of Buffkin's baby, who swallowed a button."—Ohio State Journal.

### STOPPING AN AUTOMOBILE.

The Results of Important Brake Trials in Great Britain.

Some important brake trials have been made by the Automobile club of Great Britain on a private road in the grounds of Welbeck Abbey for the purpose of obtaining conclusive data of the space within which motor vehicles can be stopped when driven at high speeds. The road had a steady gradient throughout the measured mile run selected for the tests of about 1 in 60. The cars were timed over the full mile, and also over the last one-twentieth of a mile (88 yards), in order that the speed at which the cars were traveling at the end of the mile might be ascertained. As the front wheels of the cars passed over the tape at the end of the mile their brakes were applied, and when they came to rest the distance from the tape of the point at which the front wheels rested when the car stopped was carefully measured. The stopping of the cars on the flat, on a hard, dry road, showed that at the under-mentioned speed the cars could be stopped on an average in the following number of lengths; a length for this purpose was calculated to be 11 feet 8 inches, as that was the average length of the cars engaged in the trial:

Miles per hour.  
1. 11 to 14, 1.45 times the car's length.  
2. 15 to 17, 2 times the car's length.  
3. 18 to 20, 2½ times the car's length.  
4. 20 to 24, 3½ times the car's length.

The figures given above are averages. As a matter of fact, one car traveling at 13 miles per hour was stopped in 4 yards; another traveling at 18½ miles per hour was stopped in 7 yards, and a third when going at 20 miles per hour was stopped in 12-3 yards. The average weight of the vehicles without passengers was 24 hundredweight. From these results it will be seen that motor cars can, on an average, be stopped, when traveling at 20 miles an hour, in less distance than the ordinary horse vehicle can be pulled up when traveling at 10 miles an hour.—Scientific American.

### An Ancient Loaf of Bread.

A notable recent contribution to the archaeological museum of the University of Arizona is a loaf of bread found in a cave dwelling in the Superstition mountains of central Arizona in 1879, and since that time in the possession of Herbert Brown, superintendent of the territorial prison. The loaf is undeniably bread, and without a doubt is of great age. It was found imbedded in the ashes wherein it was baked probably hundreds or perhaps thousands of years ago. It had very plainly been wrapped in a cloth or mat, and the marks of the fiber of the cloth are visible in the dark, brick-like mass. Mr. Brown is of the opinion that the bread was made of mesquite beans.

### Propels Himself by His Tail.

The tail of a fish is his sculling oar. He moves it first on one side and then on the other, using his fins as balances to guide his motion. If a fish is moving fast and wants to stop, he straightens out his fins just as the rower of a boat does his oars.



Mrs. L. A. Harris, a Prominent Member of a Chicago Woman's Political Club, tells how Ovarian Troubles may be Cured without a Surgical Operation. She says:

"Doctors have a perfect craze for operations. The minute there is any trouble, nothing but an operation will do them; one hundred dollars and costs, and included in the costs are pain, and agony, and often death.

"I suffered for eight years with ovarian troubles; spent hundreds of dollars for relief, until two doctors agreed that an operation was my only chance of life. My sister had been using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for her troubles, and been cured, and she strongly urged me to let the doctors go and try the Compound. I did so as a last resort; used it faithfully with the Sanative Wash for five months, and was rejoiced to find that my troubles were over and my health restored. If women would only try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound first, fewer surgical operations would occur."—MRS. L. A. HARRIS, 278 East 31st St., Chicago, Ill.

### \$5000 FORFEIT IF THE ABOVE LETTER IS NOT GENUINE.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues, and hopelessness, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

### A Valuable Feature.

"No," said the father, to the principal of the cooking school. "I don't believe I'll send my daughter to your institution. I expect to be able to provide for her so that she shall not have to work in the kitchen after she is married."

"That's all very nice," said the principal, "but the most important part of our curriculum is that which instructs young ladies how to boss the cook, and to discharge her, if necessary."

At this the father immediately wrote a check for the full term's tuition.—Baltimore American.

### Not What He Required.

"You ought to try this," said the druggist, as he held up a bottle. "It's the best thing out for dyspepsia."

"If that's the case I'll keep it out," replied the victim. "I've got all the dyspepsia I want right now."—Chicago Daily News.

### Kept on Talking.

Hook—What has become of that office boy of yours who used to take everything he could lay his hands on?

Nye—He's in the Municipal hospital—took smallpox.—Philadelphia Record.

If You Cannot Go to California, the land of perpetual summer, cure your Cough, Spitting or Lung trouble of any kind by taking a remedy grown where Lung trouble is unknown. Send \$1.00 for 100 doses to the Naranjal Medical Co., Oakland, California.

### Superstition.

Bramble—I used to be troubled with insomnia, but I cured myself.

Thorne—How?

"I joined a chess club."—Judge.

### Much in Little.

Biggs—"Multum in Parvo." That's a queer motto for a shoemaker.

Diggs—Quite appropriate, though. His specialty is ladies' shoes.—Chicago Daily News.

Earliest Russian Millet. Will you be short of hay? If so plant plenty of this prodigiously prolific millet 5 to 8 rows of rich hay per acre. Price for the \$1.00/100 lbs. 3.00, low freights John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis.

When a man gets old enough to want to look young he quite supplying dates with his boyhood reminiscences.—Indianapolis News.

Stops the Cough and Works on the Cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 10c.

Some things seem easy till you try to do them.—Washington (La.) Democrat.

Like Oil Upon Troubled Waters is Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar upon a cold. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

On their own merits most men should keep quiet.—Chicago Daily News.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 9, 1909.

Nearly every day we hear some new kind of a lie.—Washington (La.) Democrat.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES are as easy to use as soap. No muss or fuss.

You may follow luck to ruin, but not to success.—Garfield.

## SALZER'S SEEDS

Seedless Barley

Is produced by the Salzer Seed Co., New York, 100 bushels per acre. Does well everywhere. This paper.

20th Century Oats. The oat harvest, producing from 100 to 150 bushels per acre. Salzer's Oats are guaranteed to be the best. The U. S. A. G. High yield them the very best that grow.

Three Sacred Corn. 100 to 150 bushels per acre, in season of year. Salzer's made produce every year.

Spotted. Green and red and south—50 bushels per acre and a few magnificent bay per acre. This paper.

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Bromus Inermis. Most wonderful grass of the century. Produces about 100 bushels per acre and is of great value for hay and stock feed. This paper.

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